ALLOWANCE

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art for the features of the claimed invention are Namba et al.

(US Patent 6,494,783; hereinafter Namba), Hoshino (JP Patent Application Publication

2001-12949), Rimoto et al. (US Patent 6,503,144; hereinafter Rimoto), Sterchi et al. (US

Patent Application Publication 2005/0153764; hereinafter Sterchi).

However, Namba alone or in combination with Hoshino, Rimoto, and Sterchi

does not disclose a non-transitory computer readable medium and video game method

including

"a video game program that causes a computer to implement a video game that
is executed by means of a controller, in which a character and a moving object are
displayed on a monitor, and the moving object is dispatched by the character having a
dispatching form that is a posture of the character at a point of dispatching the moving
object, the video game program comprising: code programed to receive an operation
initiation request from the controller in order to cause the character to initiate a dispatch
operation until the moving object is dispatched; code programed to display the dispatch
operation of the character on the monitor when the operation initiation request is
received: code programed to receive a request to dispatch the moving object from the
controller when the dispatch operation of the character is continuously displayed on the
monitor; code programed to set the point of dispatching the moving object from the
character according to a timing at which the dispatch request is received, and to set
deviance in a trajectory of the moving object between the point and a destination based
on the dispatching form of the character wherein the moving object is controlled to move
from the point to the destination on the basis of the deviance; code programed to

display the moving object controlled on the monitor; the code programed to set the point
of dispatching the moving object including code programed to control the deviation of
the moving object in the trajectory on the basis of the dispatching form of the character,
and controlling the point of dispatching the moving object when the dispatch operation
of the character is continuously displayed on the monitor."

Thus, the claimed invention is not anticipated by nor obvious over the closest
prior art.

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